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1. SUMMARY: TWO SUBJECTS WHICH MAY WELL BE FEATURED IN THE ECA MEETING IN KINSHASA FEB 24-MARCH 3 ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE DISCUSSIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN UNCTAD ON (1) ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (REFTELS A, B, C) AND (2) THE COMMON FUND PROPOSALS UNDER THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR COMMODITIES (REFTEL D). WHILE THESE SUBJECTS MAY NOT APPEAR ON THE FORMAL AGENDA, THEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE DISCUSSED BY THE AFRICANS AMONG THEMSELVES IN THE CORRIDORS. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN A DISCUSSION BETWEEN A MISSION OFFICER AND AMBASSADOR DADZIE OF GHANA PRIOR TO THE FIRST PART OF THE MEETING OF THE UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AMB DADZIE INDICATED THAT THE PROPOSED UNCTAD SECY GENERAL'S WORK PROGRAM WOULD BE A SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN AFRICAN MINISTERS AT THE FORTHCOMING ECA MEETING. HE

INDICATED THAT THE AFRICAN STATES HAD "GONE AS FAR AS THEY COULD" IN AGREEING TO CONCLUSIONS OF THE MEXICO CONFERENCE OF THE G-77 ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG LDCS AND THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THE PROPOSED WORK PROGRAM OF THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT MIGHT PRESENT PROBLEMS FOR THE AFRICAN DELEGATIONS. HE FELT THAT AFRICAN VIEWS WOULD BE COORDINATED AT THE ECA MEETING.

3. IT IS KNOWN THAT THE ECA SECRETARIAT HAS PREPARED A PAPER FOR USE BY THE AFRICAN DELEGATIONS ON THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF UNCTAD'S CONCEPT OF A COMMON FUND. THE PAPER STRESSES RATHER HEAVILY THE COSTS FOR INDIVIDUAL AFRICAN STATES AND GIVES SCANTY INFORMATION ABOUT BENEFITS. THE PAPER HAS APPARENTLY HAD AN UNSETTLING EFFECT ON THE GENERAL ENDORSEMENT BY THE AFRICAN STATES OF THE UNCTAD PROPOSALS. IT CAN BE ASSUMED THAT THE OCCASION OF THE ECA MEETING WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A REVIEW OF THE AFRICAN POSITION ON THE COMMON FUND AND/OR THE INTEGRATED PROBLEM. CATTO

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